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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 125 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/819.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 56th and resumed 64th meetings, on 6 May and 3 June 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.56 and 64).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/50/655/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/939).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/50/L.55

4. At the 64th meeting, on 6 June, the representative of Mexico introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" (A/C.5/50/L.55), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/50/L.55 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 7,816,100 United States dollars gross (6,846,350 dollars net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1996, inclusive of the amount of 316,100 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995.